



City of Asheville, NC

Finance Department

Minutes

Finance Committee
August 11, 2009
9:00 a.m., Room 209, City Hall

Present: Councilman Bill Russell (Chair), Councilman Kelly Miller, Mayor Terry Bellamy
Staff: Ben Durant, Tony McDowell, Cheryl Heywood

- **Approval of 5/5/2009 Minutes**
 - Councilman Kelly Miller made a motion to approve the 5/5/2009 minutes. This motion was seconded by Councilman Russell and carried unanimously.
- **Update on City Finances** (Ben Durant)
 - Ben Durant updated the committee on the proposed reduction of the privilege license tax and the beer and wine tax that became effective 7/1/09.
- **Broadband Technology Opportunities Program Grant** (Kevin Hymel)
 - Councilman Kelly Miller made a motion to proceed with grant application. This motion was seconded by Mayor Bellamy and carried unanimously.
- **MPO Economic Stimulus Projects** (Cathy Ball)
 - Councilman Russell made a motion to proceed with grant application. This motion was seconded by Councilman Miller and unanimously approved by the committee.
 - Mayor Bellamy requested that staff develop a program for outreach to local contractors during the bid process.
- **Parks and Recreation Board Facility Fee Waiver Policy** (Roderick Simmons)
 - Committee recommended that staff move forward with taking fee waiver issue to full council at tonight's council meeting.
- **Memorial Stadium Veterans Memorial Project Funding**
 - The committee recommended staff present list of unfunded items for the Veterans Memorial to full council after striking through paragraph 2, under "Funding Plan" and change "Funding Plan" to read "Advisory Board Action".
- **Other Business**
 - Graffiti Abatement Program
 - Councilman Miller requested that Lauren Bradley e-mail information pertaining to the funds remaining in the Graffiti Abatement Program.